



- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, September 7, 2017 with Chairman Donald P. Fesko presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Donald P. Fesko, Bill Joiner, Christopher Campbell, Milton Reed, Thomas Golab, Africa Tarver and Randy Palmateer. Seven members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **Welcome of New Board Member:** D. Hollenbeck, RDA Legal counsel, formally sworn in Hammond Appointment, Africa Tarver.
- IV. **General Public Comment:** K. Davidson voiced his concern regarding costs of the West Lake extension project. He also raised concern about the RDA's statue regarding the election of Board Officers.

D. Metheny, a LaPorte resident, stated that he is unhappy with the amount of money the RDA is allocating for the West Lake extension project.

R. Jovanovich followed up on a request she submitted to the RDA in regard to obtaining copies of reports from KPMG.

- V. **Consent Agenda:** R. Palmateer motioned to approve the consent agenda with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

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| <i>a. Minutes: Board Meeting of June 8, 2017:</i> | <i>Approved</i> |
| <i>b. Exemption Request: North Township MWBE/Buy IN Compliance</i> | <i>Approved</i> |
| <i>c. Grant Agreement: Modification of Grantee (South Shore Clean Cities)</i> | <i>Approved</i> |

- VI. **Presentation- Federal Transit Administration Rating Package Update:** B. Hanna reported to the Board that rating applications are due on September 8, 2017 and that the FTA rating process will determine whether both projects meet the threshold for funding eligibility. Federal funds will account for 50% of the total project cost for both rail projects.

B. Hanna updated the Board on the following:

1. West Lake Extension Timeline
2. Double Track Timeline
3. Funding
 - o Double Track
 - o West Lake
 - o State
 - o Local
4. Federal Loan Programs
5. Governance Approach
6. Opportunities and Challenges

M. Noland also updated the RDA Board on the following:

1. Safety (NICTD's highest priority)
2. NICTD's Existing Service Statistics
3. Strategic Vision: 2014-2033



4. Benefits of Infrastructure Investments
5. West Lake Corridor Project
6. Hammond Gateway Station
7. Double Tracking: Gary-Michigan City
8. Single Track Challenges
9. Decreased Travel Time
10. Project Process

VII. Actions on Recommendations from Fiscal Task Force- FTA Ratings Package Submittal Items

- i. **Resolution 17-02: RDA Financing and Funding Commitment to West Lake and Double Tracking Projects:**
B. Hanna reported that the resolution memorializes the RDA's commitment to the West Lake and Double Tracking project and will help bolster up the rating with the FTA process.

B. Hanna asked the Board to approve Resolution 17-02.

B. Joiner motioned to approve Resolution 17-02 with a second by C. Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- ii. **Reports: KPMG Reports:** B. Hanna asked the Board to accept the following reports to be included in the FTA ratings packet:

- a) Commuter Rail and Station Area Development Delivery Options Report
- b) Real Estate and Absorption Analysis
- c) Innovative Financing Reports

B. Joiner motioned to approve the reports with a second by R. Palmateer. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

- iii. **Reports: Farr and Associates :** B. Hanna asked the Board to accept the following report to be included in the FTA ratings packet:

- a) West Lake Transit Oriented Development- Final Report

M. Reed motioned to approve the report with a second by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

VIII. Project Status Review:

a. **Surface Transportation:**

- i. **Update:** None

b. **Shoreline Redevelopment:**

- i. **Update:** None

c. **Expansion of the Gary Airport:**

- i. **Update:** None



d. Economic Development:

- i. **Update:** *None*

e. Convention Center- Market Validation & Feasibility Study

- i. **Update:** S. Ziller reported to the Board that the RDA has been making significant progress since the last Board meeting. She stated that within the next three weeks the RDA and CSL will be scheduling a tour of the available potential sites in northwest Indiana. In addition, CSL will be conducting stakeholder interviews.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- i. **Update:** *None*

X. New Business:

- i. **Update:** *None*

XI. 2017 Future Meeting Planning: The quarterly Board structure and the monthly Working Groups are reflected in the planning calendar.

XII. General Public Comment: *None*

XIII. Adjournment: Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy L Jakubin